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POSSIBILITY OF PEACE OVERSHADOWS WAR

Rioting In Petrograd; Much Dissatisfaction Among German Workers

U-BOAT WARFARE CAUSING APPREHENSION IN ENGLAND

In Monday's Air Fighting 17 German Machines Were Brought To Earth. By British Airmen, While They Themselves Lost Nine Planes

The possibility of peace terms being advanced by Germany, the internal political situation in that country rising from dissatisfaction of the workmen over present conditions and rioting in Petrograd in which bombs were thrown and the disturbers fired upon are features in the news of the world war which for the moment take precedence over the military operations on the fighting fronts.

Thursday may prove an eventful day for Germany and the entire world. Announcement is made by a prominent Berlin paper that Von Ertelsmann, following on that day will make another offer of peace. What the proffer will embrace has not been even remotely made known.

May Day passed in Germany with little news coming out to show the exact situation with regard to the unrest of the workmen as a result of

which it had been predicted that great strikes might result.

Germany's intensified submarine campaign apparently is causing considerable uneasiness in England. In Parliament various members are harassing the Admiralty by demanding that it make public the exact number of boats sunk by submarines.

Two more steamers have been sunk by the under-sea boats, the British steamer Ballarat, with troops bound from Australia for England, and the steamer Gorizia flying the Uruguyan flag. All the troops aboard the Ballarat and the crew of the Gorizia were saved.

Except for violent artillery fighting between the French and Germans and the repulse of strong German counter attacks on positions which the French captured from them on Monday, the situation along both the British and French fronts in France remains unchanged. In Monday's air fighting 17 German planes were accounted for by British aviators while the British themselves admit that nine of their machines are missing.

FRATERNAL MEETINGS

Maunell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation, Friday evening, May 11.

RAYMOND A. PEARL, E. H. P.
FRED G. MOORE, Secretary.

The Museum of Natural Science. Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M. Sundays 2-5 P. M. All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. LIBRARY. READING ROOM. ART GALLERY. 9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted. 5 o'clock to 5 o'clock Sundays. All are invited.

LOCAL NOTICES

(Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.)

Most of our seeds have arrived and we are now making deliveries. A. E. COUNSELL & SON.

Get a bottle of Almon's Sarsaparilla at Searle's Drug Store and clean out that thick, sluggish, impure blood which you have been storing up all winter. Regular \$1.00 size only 75c.

Killdust, a new sweeping compound (we think it's the best) cleans and polishes floors, rugs and carpets. Ask your grocer for it.

Petraltite. Fills all old cracks in floors and other places, invaluable in many cases—25c. a pound. Money back on either of above if not satisfactory.

THE PECK COMPANY.

Fairbanks Coffee, sold by A. H. Gleason, 73 Main street.

If you need a monument or any lettering done in cemetery write or call 534M, J. E. Walker.

U. S. WAR LOAN

Do you wish to help your Country to finance the Great War for Democracy?

Do you feel that you can do so little that it will not count?

Do you wish to be shown how you can make sure that what you can invest, be it small or great, will help?

Pasumpsic Savings Bank

has voted to invest all new deposits for the next two months, up to July 1, in the

United States War Bonds

Deposits made with us will draw the usual income; payable in the regular way.

The more you deposit, the more Bonds we will buy.

ARREST GERMAN AT NEWPORT. VT.

Naturalized Teuton, After Sending Letter, Is Held By Officers

(Special to the Caledonian)

Newport, April 30.—A letter received today by the customs officers of this port was the cause of a rapid investigation, the prompt apprehension of a German, and his being held tonight by the United States Marshall of this place, pending a charge.

Following is the text of the letter received at the Customs office:

Gentlemen:

Please observe that the good people of Newport do not know the colors of our enemies. You can find them on barber poles and other places.

Respectfully
(Signed) Otto P. Rahl.

Immediately upon receipt of the missive, C. A. Bancroft, deputy collector in charge at this port, instituted an investigation, and in a short time located the author at Huest's Restaurant. He was taken before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Cleary, for examination.

Rahl proved to be a German, having United States citizenship papers, and claimed his name was Brooklyn, N. Y. where, he said, he had lived for many years.

When asked the meaning of his assertion regarding the colors of barber poles and other places, he said that the "other places" referred to were the gates at the local railroad crossing, the black and white stripes representing the Prussian national banner.

It was learned by further examination, that he had visited many other parts of New England recently, and on occasion when he attempted to cross the border to Sherbrooke, P. Q., he was refused admission by the Canadian immigration examination on the part of Mr. Cleary and Mr. Bancroft he was turned over to the United States marshal.

CHAS. E. SIMANTON IS ARRAIGNED FOR A STATUTORY OFFENCE

Charles E. Simanton, an auto agent of St. Johnsbury, was Friday arraigned in Judge Frye's office on the charge of adultery, and was released on bond of \$750. His case was continued to May 5, when a hearing will be held.

Simanton, who lives at number 26 Pearl street, registered at the Hotel Lyndon in Lyndonville about 9:30 Thursday night under an assumed name of J. T. Smith. He later went out, and returned with a young woman, who is also a resident of St. Johnsbury, and who is a nurse.

The couple went to the room to which Simanton, under the alias of Smith, had been assigned. Sometime later, Deputy Sheriff Lorenzo W. Gray and William Gray, together with Stanley Garfield, who is connected with the Vermont Adjustment Company in this place, entered the room occupied by Simanton and the young woman.

The two were found fully dressed. Simanton was placed under arrest, but the young woman was allowed to go. The party returned to St. Johnsbury about 11:30 o'clock, where they went to Judge Frye's office in the Citizens' Bank Building. Here the charge of adultery was preferred against Simanton, and he was released on \$750 bond. There was no charge made against the woman.

NI SAKITON CLUB OPENS.

Dr. Fitch Makes Record Catch and Others do Well

Though the weather was not exactly ideal for a May day, many St. Johnsbury men were on hand at the opening yesterday of the Ni Sakiton Fish and Game Club. All averaged good catches and some large takes were made. Dr. W. B. Fitch led the list with four, while H. C. Boynton came second with three and three-fourths pounds. L. S. Jewett, F. W. Kelley, H. A. Fulson, Charles Searles, Frank O. French, A. W. Schenck and J. D. Blackshaw averaged from two pounds to three and one-half each. According to the men the trout are biting well, and an excellent average for the season is expected.

MAY HAVE WOOLEN FACTORY.

Little Woolen Co. of Montpelier to Pick Site.

Harry Daniels of East Montpelier has recently been in New York in the interests of the Little Woolen Company, and on his return brought with him specifications for the construction of a new woolen mill. Mr. Daniels said the concern is looking for a place to locate, if they could find a building adequate for their purposes. He said the only one that anywhere met the requirements is located in St. Johnsbury. He said the company will probably put \$200,000 into a new building and that he presumed it would be a one-story building.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN GOES INTO EFFECT IN ST. J.

Many of the residents of St. Johnsbury yesterday experienced their first day under the daylight saving plan, beginning and quitting work an hour earlier.

According to the remarks heard while the men of the Fairbanks plant were coming from their labor, the plan is meeting with universal favor. Some of the remarks heard were: "It seems to be through so early, but it was not so nice this morning," and "It seems odd but we'll get used to it after a while."

If a person had landed in St. Johnsbury yesterday and was unaware of the change in time, that person would have been sorely puzzled over the conflicting clock faces to be seen everywhere, some of which were set according to the new plan and some of which remained at standard time.

In many restaurants and public places two clocks were on display, so as those working under the new schedule and those under the old could gauge their different hours correctly, and in some the lunch hour started at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Some amusing incidents were on record before the day had grown old because of error in setting the clock the night before. In two cases the man of the family set the clock ahead an hour, and then came the wife or mother and set it ahead another hour with the result that those who went by the clocks got up two hours early instead of one and had an hour to sit around and wait for the sun to rise.

There was some confusion but as a whole the new plan gives promise of success.

GRAHAM NAMES TEN JUDGES

Governor Appoints To Municipal Bench; Six Later

Montpelier, May 1.—Governor Graham has appointed ten municipal judges as follows: Six judges will be appointed later.

Henry Conlin of Winoski, Judge of the Municipal Court for the village of Winoski.

Herbert H. Blanchard of Springfield, Judge of the Municipal Court for the Village of Hollow Falls.

Kyle T. Brown of Lunenburg, Judge of the Municipal Court for Essex County.

Nathan N. Post of St. Albans, Judge of the Municipal Court for Franklin County and for the City of St. Albans.

Erwin M. Harvey of Montpelier, Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Montpelier.

H. William Scott of Barre, Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Barre.

Thomas E. O'Brien, of Bellows Falls, Judge of the Municipal Court for the Village of Bellows Falls.

Adison E. Cudworth of South Londonderry, Judge of the Municipal Court for the Village of Brattleboro.

Arthur G. Whitman of South Royalton, Judge of the Hartford Municipal Court.

HASTINGS WHITE IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Hastings Wilmet White died yesterday morning after a very short illness with pneumonia. The previous Wednesday he spent the day with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Carr, in Danville, but was taken ill that night and on Sunday became so much worse that the most devoted care of doctors and nurses could not save him. The funeral will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. at the home in Arlington, and Rev. Frank S. Tolman will officiate. Hastings White was born in St. Johnsbury, June 9, 1865, the son of James and Clarissa Bowman White. He was educated in the public schools and when quite a young man went to Boston where he worked for 11 years. While living there he was married on September 9, 1892, to Miss Annie Ryeoff of that city. They came to St. Johnsbury 22 years ago to live on the farm which had belonged to Mr. White's father, and to continue the milk business which had been established by him. During all these years Mr. White had formed a very wide acquaintance in town and many persons will regret the sudden loss of him. He was actively interested in the fraternal affairs of the town, was a member of Green Mountain Lodge, No. E. O. P., Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Moose River Encampment, No. 6, Canton Crescent, No. 2, I. O. O. F., and Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge, No. 4.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Clarissa, Mrs. Harry Carr of Danville, Wilmet and Adelaide, two sisters, Mrs. Claude Welfoot of St. Johnsbury, and Mrs. Frank Bickford of Lacombe, N. H., and two brothers, Henry of Corinth and Alphonso of St. Johnsbury.

The regular drill of the St. Johnsbury Reserve Company was held last night at the Armory. The attendance was large and much practical work was done. The men are working on "School of the Company" formation and are progressing rapidly with the drills.

FORM SCHOOL WORKING CLUBS

Production and Conservation of Food Planned At Meeting

The public schools are co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture in promoting club work among the boys and girls of St. Johnsbury. Monday afternoon a meeting of the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Portland and Summer street schools was held in Miss Stevens' room at the Summer Street school. About 80 pupils were in attendance as well as several of the teachers. Only those pupils were asked to come to this meeting who were interested and who really meant to do something; the nature of the work had been explained beforehand.

In speaking to the boys and girls, Supt. Young told them he was glad to see that so many of them were present. The fact that 80 boys and girls were willing to take up this work seriously promised well for the future. It lay with them to maintain the reputation of the school both at Burlington and at Springfield next fall. Whether or not the school maintains the high standard of this year, the previous year in this line of work will be determined by their efforts.

Mr. Baxter took charge of the meeting and under his leadership the following organization was effected: President, Orrie Jenks; vice president, Sherburne Potts; secretary, Muriel Wright; treasurer, Everett Daniels; local leaders, Leon H. Baxter, Miss Elmore Waring; advisory board, Miss Katherine Hubbell, Miss Mabel McCray, Miss Anna Stevens.

It was voted to name the organization the "Wide Awake Boys and Girls' Club."

Following the plan outlined by the state the pupils grouped themselves according to their preference in different clubs. It is possible for a pupil to belong to two or more of these clubs. The distribution is as follows: Handicraft, 45; canning, 27; sewing, 25; home gardening, 16; potato club, 5; bread club, 1; pig raising club, 1; poultry club, 4.

Many boys and girls of the school outside of the village have become members of the state club. In all, probably 300 pupils of the public schools will be engaged in club work this summer.

MANY ACRES ALREADY UNDER CULTIVATION IN FOOD CAMPAIGN

St. Johnsbury's response to the appeal of President Wilson for the production of food, has been generous and enthusiastic. All have entered into the project with spirit which will win the war. Already 116 acres of land have been taken and are being prepared for the raising of produce. Many residents of the town have plowed the land surrounding their dwellings and will plant within a short time.

The E. and T. Fairbanks and Company lead with the amount of land given over for the campaign. Ninety acres of the company land are divided as follows: 30 acres on the company farm, which will be planted with potatoes; 25 acres divided among the men in one-quarter acre lots, to be cultivated as the employees see fit; 35 acres of company land at Walden, which will be set with oats. More land is being taken up by the employees daily and it is expected that a total of 200 men will have taken one-quarter acre in a short time. Frank H. Brooks, president of the company, is cultivating eight acres of his own land, upon which he intends to raise potatoes, beans, and garden truck this season.

The campaign among the French speaking population of St. Johnsbury has yielded excellent results, as 64 of their number have taken one-quarter acres which will be cultivated as the gardeners see fit. This land totals 16 acres, and a large yield is expected.

Some weeks ago the selectmen voted to turn over the Town Farm land to those desiring to cultivate it, and already three half acres have been signed for and it is expected that the entire ten acres will be taken up within a short while. This land will be cultivated in whatever manner the lessees desire.

In every section of St. Johnsbury and surrounding territory people are plowing up the land surrounding their homes, which heretofore had been used as lawns and flower gardens. It is impossible to estimate the amount of land which is being put to the plow in this manner, but there is no doubt but that the total acreage is large.

ARMY MEASURE WITH CONSCRIPTION PASSED

Washington, May 1.—The Administration's army bill with the conscription provision retained was passed anew today by the Senate without a roll call virtually as it approved the measure last Saturday. The bill now goes to conference with the House.

After passing the bill the Senate arranged for conferences directing that the House be asked to appoint conferees and appointing three Senators as its conferees.

U. S. READY TO SEND SOLDIERS TO FRANCE

Will Place Army on the Battle Fronts As Soon As Allies Send Transports

GOVERNMENT HAS MADE OFFER OF CONTINGENT TO ENTENTE

In Spite of Objections of General Staff, Administration Has Determined To Supply Men Earnestly Desired By France

Washington, May 1.—The United States stands ready to send an army to Europe whenever the allies deem it wise to divert the necessary shipping from transporting food to transporting men.

It became known definitely today that the government has offered the allies troops, but has suggested that

the alarming shortage of shipping may make it impracticable to send them at once. In spite of objections of the general staff to putting any American forces on the firing line before the great war army has been raised and trained, the administration has determined that the small contingents earnestly desired by France for moral effect shall be sent as soon as possible.

MRS. PENN PAGE, LIFE LONG RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Penn Page, life-long resident of St. Johnsbury, passed away at 12:30 Wednesday morning, after a week's illness of pneumonia. Until recently she had been active in social affairs, being president of the B. B. Club, a member of the Women's Relief Corps, the O. E. S. and the South church. The family have the sympathy of all in their sorrow. In accordance with her wish the Rev. Hervey Hoyt, of East Hiram, Me., who officiated at her wedding, conducted the funeral services, which were held at her late home, 87 Portland street, Saturday afternoon at 1 p. m. Interment was in the family lot at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, beside the body of her only son, Rodney, who died May 31, 1913. Among the relatives at the funeral were Mrs. Anna Page, of North Troy, mother of Penn Page, who was called here by the death of her daughter-in-law.

Florence Adams, youngest daughter of Alfred and the late Francis Adams, was born at 87 Portland street, May 9, 1876. She received her education at the Portland street school and St. Johnsbury Academy. She was married in October, 1895, to Penn Page, of St. Johnsbury, formerly of North Troy, the Rev. Hervey Hoyt officiating. A son, Walter Rodney, was born to them June 2, 1897. For 14 years she was an invalid. About five years ago she recovered her health, and since that time had been active in social affairs, being a member of many organizations.

Her life, with its sunny, quiet disposition and generous deeds, did much to brighten the hearts and bring Christian cheer into many homes for years. She was especially kind to invalids and children. Hers has been an active life, beyond her strength. A devoted wife and mother, always showing great devotion to her aged father, with whom she lived, her life was spent in the home where she was born.

She is survived by her husband and father, one sister, Mrs. Horace Goss, of this town, and two nieces, Ruth and Dorothy Goss.

TO BUY WAR BONDS WITH NEW DEPOSITS

The directors of the Passumpsic Savings Bank have voted to invest all new deposits for the next two months in United States war bonds. This plan gives all who deposit in the bank from now on an opportunity to aid the government in raising the enormous sums of money needed to prepare the country and to assist our allies in the great war. It gives the people an opportunity to aid the government fully as much as the people of Europe aid their governments, by contributing to the war loans which have been so necessary to carry on the conflict.

Deposits will be made and credited in the usual way, under the same rate of interest, the only difference being that the money will be invested exclusively in the war bonds of the United States.

GEORGE WARNER IS SENTENCED

To Be Executed For Murder of Henry Wiggins

(Special to the Caledonian)

Montpelier, May 1.—The Supreme Court today ordered the execution by electrocution of George Warner in the State Prison at Windsor during the first week in July, 1917. Warner was convicted of the murder of his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiggins on November 4, 1914.

In Windsor County Court Warner was found guilty of killing his mother-in-law, but that case was not brought for trial because of the pendency of the other case. Warner lost his appeal to the Supreme Court when that body this morning handed down a decision overruling his exceptions and directing that execution be carried out.

No error in the proceedings was found, and the respondent gained nothing by his exceptions, were the main findings in the opinion read by Justice George M. Powers. Warner spoke in his own behalf.

In the Caledonia County cases the following decision was given in the case of George Robin vs. the Ryegate Light and Power. Judgment for the plaintiff for \$1075 reversed and cause remanded. The opinion was handed down by Justice Hazelton.

To Leave For Bradford

Milo A. Green, who has been the local manager of the Standard Oil company for the past 17 years, leaves for Bradford the middle of next month to look after the company's interests there. William Rowan of Woodsville, N. H., will succeed him. Mr. Green and his family have been life-long residents of St. Johnsbury and Waterford and their many friends regret their removal. M. L. Green, Mr. Green's father, will accompany them to Bradford. He is one of the familiar figures among the older generation and a man who will be greatly missed.

We're Paying More For Coal

Than We Ever Did And Must Charge More For It

We don't know who is to blame, but the above are the facts. We hope that the conditions will clear up soon and things be more nearly normal.



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